3/14/70

Dear Paul (cc GRS),

Your mailing of the 10th came today. Our mail is always late Saturdays, unless I have to got to town and can pick it up at the P.O. and we are getting company (a British correspondent), and I'm rather more edgy than usual, so I'll respond to the letters and will latter comment on the attachment.

Your 3/9 goes into my SS visit. It was good, I think, but I am also aware that they have their own purposes to serve and I had forced them into an untenable position. We'll just have to see where we go from here. Meanwhile, nothing from that meeting has yet found its way here, and I have a large, unexamined mailing from the Archives (scanned-loaded with what I didn't order and what Johnson knew I had).

Your comment on Warner is correct. That is the function of the P.R.man. And you may be right in assuming they had gone over the file before my arrival. However, I suggest you may want to consider that they also have much of this in their minds, that they more than most have had to train themselves to remember, and that this may be one of the bases of their original selection.

Your several comments on the CD87 letter prompt me to suggest that on the things I should take up with them it would be good to send me each on a separate sheet of paper, preferably with a carbon to take with me. I just forget too much, and on this I was badly twisted. If you can find the time, it would be helpful if you were to give me a brief memo on such items as your third par. On Davison, I agree but I also think this should wait. I'd like to establish two separate files, one to take up as I can the other to accumulate for what I deem the propitious moment. I think, because the Davison matter is potentially so sticky, and because we have more we can yet learn, that it should wait. When I raise it I should be as completely informed as possible and should get through to them thatway.

Shaw-Bertrand: you have apparently forgotten that I told you one of the things that turned me on when I learned about Shaw is that there is absolutely no evidence of any investigation of him. Not one withheld, but noen at all. That just is not possible, and to my face, ~~Rowley~~ Liebeler could not plead the most thoroughgoing incompetence. There are but the two alternatives, that or an investigation of Shaw. But he also seemsto have withheld this from the WC. Remember what Clark first said when the question came up. It also is not likely that there was any real inv. without Shaw getting wind of it from those interviewed. So, either he knew of it or the investigation was a shallow one (not improbable).

Ferrie: you may be right, but this also presupposes the SS men were sitting around waiting for it, but busy on their investigation.

544: I was pretty complete, making passing mention of their being turned off, what Jones and Silvers told me, offered them the tape, everything but the name of the man whose picture they both agreed on. And the history of CRC, Banister, etc.

Dolan: he is what you say. I've done him before and am never sure when he is showman. However, I had the impression it went well. I'm sorry for that one one the-air message that a woman thought she could help, for she really cannot and that just turned others who might have been so disposed off.

Bringuier: he also swore he was not at the store when LHO returned. I would not be surprised if LHO had also been there in June and I know B perjured himself on the dates. Liebeler knew it, too. (Sorry about his police trouble. Thanks o for the clip, but it can happen to anyone and he has more than most to worry about.)

N.O. transcripts: I do not regard any as worth the kind of money they

will cost. Because none seems to be of urgent content, I also believe JG may have or get some and we may, ultimately, get them from the government for 10¢ per sheet. You can be sure the govt got them. With out money. I agree with your Clinton interpretation and tried, without success, to sell it as it relates to LHO. The Arch stuff I seem to recall is about job-hunting and may be a report on the phone call. Nichols did not place any restriction on what he sent you. He also did not do it voluntarily. It was not his idea but mine. My only interest in holding any of it back is to prevent what I have every reason to anticipate might be misuse and, where it relates to those of my ,aterials I gave JG for use in the trial (Finck), to protect my own interests. Phelan is 96 pages. It is packed away, so I cannot be certain of the date and don't want to take time now, but I think it was 2/26. I will not consciously associate with Lifton in any way because I learned about hot irons the first time I touched one. He has as infinite a capacity for corrupting and twisting things as he has for imagining them and converting his wild imaginings into realitiesin his own sickness plus whateverelse bugs him. You can do what you'd like, but he has on every possible occasion, without never any provocation, gone out of his way to hurt me, he has hurt me, has seriously imparied the work I was doing, and has been engaged in the most persistent espionage. With this record, the best face I can give it, I'd be crazy to do anything he could possibly trust. The one thing he promised me he never had any intention of sending and never did. I'd welcome anything he might send. These things I did ask for. However, I would not want anything he might have obtained if he had any objection to my having it. You and others, of course, can do as you please. I regard him as a potentially great hazard and I have seen enough of his work to have a very low opinion of his integrity. He shows you and others the smile he can always contrive.

I've not checked thename files on Morgan. I do not thing Banister or Ferrie could have had a Cadillac. I am not positive the witnesses could not have remembered the make of the car incorrectly nor am I persuaded taking LHO, real,or False, up there to apply for a job, is consistent. Unless something else were involved. I just do not know.

I'll let you knwo what I get from SS when I get it. I do not know whether they will ~~xxxxx~~ hold what I saw until they go over everything or not. On the Z slides, the copy I have has been made into 16 mm only because cheap, brittle film was used in making this copy, so where you want clear ones it will be better to pay the profiteers for slides made from their earliest generation. You' ll be welcome to mine, however, whenever you want them.I will also have, it seems, a 16mm projection print. I have asked the Archives and they have lied to me about what they got after Commission finished. But if there is anything I haven't been responsible for I have not gotten wind of it. I have a Johnson memo that may go into this. After I read it I'll send it to you for you and Gary....Body movement: I am not armed with knowledge of physics and I have never hunted, but I have seen heavy animals hit with ~~xx~~ small, slow shot and they do react. I'll be interested in your work when you finish it. But, as I recall my study of the slides I forced out with PW, the Pres.'s head spins from right to left, the back getting to where it faces the camera, before he goes over, and the flap and several frames obliterates the front of the face.

Savery: I didn't look himup, but I had an indefinite recollection of those reports.

Check on the reason for the difficulty of reading COUP. However, with busy people, no matter how clear, size will be a problem. I have it with the books.

3/8: I do not recall CD1014 or the reason for withholding. But there is no reason I can raise these questions, too, with the SS, where they are appropriate.

I do not know how you know Shaw is not suing me. He has some unnamed

defendants, one of the things that makes me wonder. However, I note that when he made noises and had limitless subpenas, Wegmann did not subpena me. I think it highly unlike he would for what a kick in the teeth he'd get. While I never did conduct any investigation of him as such, doing one thing, for Moo, only, and that was not what Moo wanted when I was done, I did get much without asking. One is from a reporter who was backgrounded by DJ. Another is Ricardo's statement, which could be a real blow in court. I have it on tape, with Ricardo's permission (hope, as he said it), and he was really emphatic...The timing and haste baffle me, and I think the suit also foolish unless subsidized. JG would not go into Shaw's rep but he'd have to, for this is a demage suit and the reputation allegedly demaged becomes an issue (not JG's, and from what I know of him, I'm not inclined to credit Anderson, unless JG was really sick). Shaw is making speeches, by the way, booked by Lane's agency that was supposed to be mine but the indications are he got them to back out, costing me money I do not have) I think it may be an exaggeration to use the description "fraud". You know my dissatisfaction, but I am not at all satisfied he was not involved in anything, though I never had reason to believe he was part of a conspiracy to kill. I'm surprised no book is yet announced.

By now you should have more on Fisher. I think gooder.

I'll be sending Phelan. Do not bother to make an extra copy for me and t there is no haste on returning.

With all he has done against JG, do you need more of a measure of the man then that he gets this stuff to DL on request and we have to go so very much trouble for so long a time to get anything?

Company due any minute. Thanks for the enclosures, which I'll go over as soon as I can.

Sincerely,